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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE

CORP

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED JANUARY 22, 1976, SENT TO C.T. MCINTIRE, VP, PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE CORP, WHICH WE BELIEVE GIVES INFORMATION FOR COMPLETE ANSWER TO CONGRESSMAN BENNETT. THIS WAS FOLLOWED ON FEBRUARY 10, 1976 WITH A COPY OF FOLLOWING LETTER BECAUSE OF JANUARY 27, 1976 LETTER TO AMBASSADOR FROM MR. MCINTIRE CLAIMING NON-RECEIPT OF ORIGINAL.

2. COMPLETE TEXT:

DEAR MR. MCINTIRE:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR SNEIDER CONCERNING \$75,000 IN U.S. TREASURY NOTES ON DEPOSIT IN KOREA.

I AM SORRY FOR THE LONG DELAY IN ANSWERING YOUR LETTER, BUT WE HAVE HAD A DIFFICULT TIME LOCATING THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS POSSESSION OF THE BONDS AT THE SEOUL CIVIC COURT. HERE, TOO, PEOPLE HAVE A TENDENCY TO GO ON HOLIDAYS OVER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS WHICH HAVE MADE OUR JOB A LITTLE DIFFICULT.

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THE BOND ADMINISTRATOR AT THE SEOUL CIVIL COURT, IN COMPLYING WITH GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, REQUIRES YOU TO FILE AS A PACKAGE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- 1. REQUEST FOR THE RETURN OF BONDS ON DEPOSIT (COURT FORM NO. 24 (3 COPIES).
- 2. CERTIFICATE OF BOND DEPOSIT, ORIGINAL (1 COPY).
- MINISTRY OF FINANCE'S AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RETURN OF BONDS ON DEPOSIT (1 COPY).
- 4. CERTIFICATE OF COURT REGISTRATION (OF A CORPORATION) OR ITS EQUIVALENT ISSUED IN THE UNITED STATES WITH A COPY OF TRANSLATION IN KOREAN (1 COPY).
- 5. POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CORPORATION (SHOWN IN THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE UNDER ITEM NUMBER 4 ABOVE) (1 COPY).

IN YOUR LETTER TO AMBASSADOR SNEIDER IT APPEARS YOU HAVE ITEM NUMBER 3, THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE'S AUTHORIZATION; AND ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF BOND DEPOSIT, THE COURT REQUIRES THE ORIGINAL. ITEM NUMBER 5 IS A POWER OF ATTORNEY TO AUTHORIZE SOMEONE IN KOREA TO FILE THESE DOCUMENTS AND RECEIVE THE BONDS. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE DOCUMENTS UNDER ITEMS NUMBER 4 AND 5 ARE REQUIRED AS THE ONLY SURE WAY OF GETTING THE BONDS ON DEPOSIT BACK TO YOU.

I MUST EMPHASIZE TWO THINGS: FIRST, ALL DOCUMENTS
ISSUED IN ENGLISH (ITEMS 4 AND 5) MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH
A COPY OF A TRANSLATION IN KOREAN, AND SECONDLY, ALL OF THE
DOCUMENTS MUST BE FILED AS A PACKAGE AND NOT INDIVIDUALLY.
HENCE, ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE'S AUTHORIZATION,
IT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE REST OF THE DOCUMENTS
AND ALL FILED WITH THE COURT AT ONE TIME.

IT APPEARS TO ME YOU ARE GOING TO NEED THE SERVICES OF A KOREAN ATTORNEY UNLESS YOU ARE COMING TO KOREA IN PERSON, AND THIS WAS ALSO SUGGESTED BY THE BOND ADMINISTRATOR AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE COURT. I KNOW YOU HAVE GONE THROUGH A LONG AND TEDIOUS PROCESS OF TRYING TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF YOUR BONDS, BUT I AM ASSURED IF YOU FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN THIS LETTER, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY FURTHER DIFFICULTY. I SUSPECT YOU HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF GOVERNMENTAL RED TAPE WHICH REARS ITS HEAD WHEN DEALING WITH GOVERNMENTS ANY PLACE IN THE WORLD THESE DAYS.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE OF SERVICE, AND IF WE CAN ASSIST YOU FURTHER, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO LET US KNOW.

SINCERELY,

/S/

JAMES C. MARSHALL COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF DEPARTMENT BELIEVES FURTHER ACTION NECESSARY.

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